

1 **DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS**

2 **EXECUTIVE BUDGET BILL**

3 A bill to make appropriations for the department of military
4 and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009;
5 to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to provide
6 for certain powers and duties of the department of military and
7 veterans affairs, other state agencies, and local units of
8 government related to the appropriations; and to provide for the
9 preparation of certain reports related to the appropriations.

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11 **THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

12 PART 1

13 LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

14 Sec. 101. Subject to the conditions set forth in this bill,
15 the amounts listed in this part are appropriated for the department
16 of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending
17 September 30, 2009, from the funds indicated in this part. The
18 following is a summary of the appropriations in this part:

19 **DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

20 APPROPRIATION SUMMARY:

21 Full-time equated unclassified positions7.0

22 Full-time equated classified positions985.0

23 GROSS APPROPRIATION..... \$ 130,388,700

24 Interdepartmental grant revenues:

25 Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental

1	transfers		1,681,200
2	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	128,707,500
3	Federal revenues:		
4	Total federal revenues.....		57,538,200
5	Special revenue funds:		
6	Total local revenues.....		1,284,600
7	Total private revenues.....		1,463,700
8	Total other state restricted revenues.....		28,300,400
9	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	40,120,600
10	Sec. 102. HEADQUARTERS AND ARMORIES		
11	Full-time equated unclassified positions		7.0
12	Full-time equated classified positions		125.0
13	Headquarters and armories--85.0 FTE positions.....	\$	10,484,100
14	Unclassified military personnel.....		665,000
15	Military appeals tribunal.....		900
16	Michigan emergency volunteers.....		5,000
17	State active duty.....		90,100
18	Challenge program--40.0 FTE positions.....		4,698,800
19	Homeland security.....		1,000,000
20	Military family relief fund.....		600,000
21	Internal audit services.....		<u>111,700</u>
22	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	17,655,600
23	Appropriated from:		
24	Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
25	IDG, challenge grant.....		260,100

1	IDG, community health.....	100,000
2	IDG, state police.....	900,000
3	IDG, human services.....	421,100
4	Federal revenues:	
5	DOD-DOA-NGB.....	5,206,000
6	Special revenue funds:	
7	Local - school aid fund.....	1,284,600
8	Private donations.....	820,100
9	Private - parent pay revenue.....	103,600
10	Rental fees.....	350,000
11	Mackinac Bridge authority.....	60,000
12	Military family relief fund.....	600,000
13	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 7,550,100
14	Sec. 103. MILITARY TRAINING SITES AND SUPPORT	
15	FACILITIES	
16	Full-time equated classified positions181.0	
17	Military training sites and support	
18	facilities--181.0 FTE positions	\$ 24,508,200
19	Military training sites and support facilities test	
20	projects	<u>100,000</u>
21	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 24,608,200
22	Appropriated from:	
23	Federal revenues:	
24	DOD-DOA-NGB.....	20,801,000
25	Special revenue funds:	

1	Regional training institute fund.....		1,504,000
2	Test project fees.....		100,000
3	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	2,203,200
4	Sec. 104. DEPARTMENTWIDE APPROPRIATIONS		
5	Departmentwide accounts.....	\$	2,059,400
6	Special maintenance - state.....		651,200
7	Special maintenance - federal.....		5,300,000
8	Military retirement.....		3,217,500
9	Counter narcotic operations.....		50,000
10	Starbase grant.....		<u>1,772,000</u>
11	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	13,050,100
12	Appropriated from:		
13	Federal revenues:		
14	DOD-DOA-NGB.....		8,738,100
15	Federal counter narcotic revenues.....		50,000
16	Special revenue funds:		
17	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	4,262,000
18	Sec. 105. VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS		
19	American legion.....	\$	886,000
20	Disabled American veterans.....		732,400
21	Marine corps league.....		336,300
22	American veterans of World War II and Korea.....		464,800
23	Veterans of foreign wars.....		886,000
24	Michigan paralyzed veterans of America.....		165,700
25	Purple heart.....		157,900

1	Veterans of World War I.....		100
2	Polish legion of American veterans.....		41,200
3	Jewish veterans of America.....		41,200
4	State of Michigan council - Vietnam veterans of		
5	America		159,500
6	Catholic war veterans.....		<u>41,200</u>
7	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	3,912,300
8	Appropriated from:		
9	Special revenue funds:		
10	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	3,912,300
11	Sec. 106. GRAND RAPIDS VETERANS' HOME		
12	Full-time equated classified positions		513.0
13	Grand Rapids veterans' home--513.0 FTE positions.....	\$	48,115,700
14	Board of managers.....		<u>665,000</u>
15	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	48,780,700
16	Appropriated from:		
17	Federal revenues:		
18	DVA-VHA.....		15,570,400
19	HHS, Medicaid.....		154,300
20	HHS, Medicare.....		1,557,500
21	Special revenue funds:		
22	Private - veterans' home post and posthumous funds....		415,000
23	Income and assessments.....		14,703,900
24	Military family relief fund.....		250,000
25	Lease revenue.....		12,200

1	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	16,117,400
2	Sec. 107. D.J. JACOBETTI VETERANS' HOME		
3	Full-time equated classified positions	158.0	
4	D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home--158.0 FTE positions....	\$	15,612,400
5	Board of managers.....		<u>275,000</u>
6	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	15,887,400
7	Appropriated from:		
8	Federal revenues:		
9	DVA-VHA.....		4,504,400
10	HHS, Medicare.....		500,300
11	HHS, Medicaid.....		10,200
12	Special revenue funds:		
13	Private - veterans' home post and posthumous funds....		125,000
14	Military family relief fund.....		150,000
15	Income and assessments.....		5,265,700
16	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	5,331,800
17	Sec. 108. VETERANS' AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE		
18	Full-time equated classified positions	8.0	
19	Veterans' affairs directorate administration--2.0		
20	FTE positions	\$	338,200
21	Veterans' trust fund administration--6.0 FTE		
22	positions		1,225,900
23	Veterans' trust fund grants.....		<u>3,746,500</u>
24	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	5,310,600
25	Appropriated from:		

1	Special revenue funds:	
2	Michigan veterans' trust fund.....	4,972,400
3	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 338,200
4	Sec. 109. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
5	Information technology services and projects.....	\$ <u>1,183,800</u>
6	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 1,183,800
7	Appropriated from:	
8	Federal revenues:	
9	DOD-DOA-NGB.....	116,900
10	DVA-VHA.....	319,700
11	HHS, Medicare.....	9,400
12	Special revenue funds:	
13	Income and assessments.....	332,200
14	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 405,600

16 PART 2

17 PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

18 **GENERAL SECTIONS**

19 Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state
20 constitution of 1963, total state spending from state resources
21 under part 1 for fiscal year 2008-2009 is \$68,421,000.00 and state
22 spending from state resources to be paid to local units of
23 government for fiscal year 2008-2009 is \$120,000.00. The itemized
24 statement below identifies appropriations from which spending to
25 local units of government will occur:

1	DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS		
2	MILITARY TRAINING SITES AND SUPPORT FACILITIES		
3	Payments in lieu of taxes.....	\$	70,000
4	MICHIGAN VETERANS' TRUST FUND		
5	County counselor travel expenses.....	\$	<u>50,000</u>
6	TOTAL	\$	120,000

7 Sec. 202. The appropriations authorized under this bill are
8 subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101
9 to 18.1594.

10 Sec. 203. As used in this bill:

11 (a) "Department" means the department of military and veterans
12 affairs.

13 (b) "Director" means the director of the department of
14 military and veterans affairs.

15 (c) "DOD" means the United States department of defense.

16 (d) "DOD-DOA-NGB" means the DOD department of the army,
17 national guard bureau.

18 (e) "DVA" means the United States department of veterans'
19 affairs.

20 (f) "DVA-VHA" means the DVA veterans' health administration.

21 (g) "FTE" means full-time equated.

22 (h) "HHS" means the United States department of health and
23 human services.

24 (i) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

1 Sec. 204. The civil service commission shall bill departments
2 and agencies at the end of the first fiscal quarter for the 1%
3 charge authorized by section 5 of article XI of the state
4 constitution of 1963. Payments shall be made for the total amount
5 of the billing by the end of the second fiscal quarter.

6 Sec. 205. (1) A hiring freeze is imposed on the state
7 classified civil service. State departments and agencies are
8 prohibited from hiring any new full-time state classified civil
9 service employees and prohibited from filling any vacant state
10 classified civil service positions. This hiring freeze does not
11 apply to internal transfers of classified employees from 1 position
12 to another within a department.

13 (2) The state budget director may grant exceptions to this
14 hiring freeze when the state budget director believes that the
15 hiring freeze will result in rendering a state department or agency
16 unable to deliver basic services, cause loss of revenue to the
17 state, result in the inability of the state to receive federal
18 funds, or necessitate additional expenditures that exceed any
19 savings from maintaining a vacancy. The state budget director shall
20 report quarterly to the chairpersons of the senate and house of
21 representatives standing committees on appropriations the number of
22 exceptions to the hiring freeze approved during the previous
23 quarter and the reasons to justify the exception.

24 Sec. 208. The department shall use the Internet to fulfill the
25 reporting requirements of this bill. This requirement may include

1 transmission of reports via electronic mail to the recipients
2 identified for each reporting requirement, or it may include
3 placement of reports on an Internet or Intranet site.

4 Sec. 209. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used for
5 the purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if
6 competitively priced and of comparable quality American goods or
7 services, or both, are available. Preference shall be given to
8 goods or services, or both, manufactured or provided by Michigan
9 businesses, if they are competitively priced and of comparable
10 quality. In addition, preference shall be given to goods or
11 services, or both, that are manufactured or provided by Michigan
12 businesses owned and operated by veterans, if they are
13 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

14 Sec. 210. The director shall take all reasonable steps to
15 ensure businesses in deprived and depressed communities compete for
16 and perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both. The
17 director shall strongly encourage firms with which the department
18 contracts to subcontract with certified businesses in depressed and
19 deprived communities for services, supplies, or both.

20 Sec. 212. (1) Of the funds appropriated in part 1 for military
21 training sites and support facilities, there shall be established a
22 Michigan national guard education assistance program. Disbursements
23 to the educational assistance program shall not exceed
24 \$1,100,000.00 without legislative approval. Under the program, a
25 member of the national guard who is in active service and who

1 enrolls as a full- or part-time student at a public or private
2 state college or university may be eligible to receive up to an
3 equivalent of 50% of the total cost of tuition not to exceed
4 \$2,000.00, as education assistance, in any academic year.

5 (2) As used in this section, an eligible person means a member
6 of the Michigan national guard who is in active service, as defined
7 in section 105 of the Michigan military act, 1967 PA 150, MCL
8 32.505. An eligible person does not include a member of the
9 Michigan national guard or air national guard who is absent without
10 leave or who is under charges as described in the Michigan code of
11 military justice of 1980, 1980 PA 523, MCL 32.1001 to 32.1148.

12 (3) The department of military and veterans affairs, office of
13 the adjutant general shall administer the education assistance
14 program and prescribe forms and procedures to effectively carry out
15 the education assistance program.

16 (4) An eligible person shall apply to the department of
17 military and veterans affairs, office of the adjutant general for
18 education assistance and shall provide evidence of attendance and
19 completion of the course of study with a grade of at least 2.0 on a
20 4.0 scale, or its equivalent. The adjutant general shall approve
21 the application for reimbursement if the applicant meets the
22 definition of an eligible person under subsection (2) and other
23 criteria as established by the adjutant general.

24 (5) The education assistance program applies to any course of
25 instruction that is included in an associate, undergraduate, or

1 postgraduate degree program offered by a college or university of
2 this state.

3 (6) The education assistance program applies to an eligible
4 person notwithstanding any other educational incentive or benefit
5 received by the eligible person under any other educational
6 assistance program provided by any other state.

7 (7) An eligible person who successfully completes the course
8 of study with a grade of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, or its
9 equivalent, shall be eligible for reimbursement.

10 (8) The department of military and veterans affairs may use
11 funds from the appropriated funds to administer the education
12 assistance program.

13 (9) Reimbursed members who do not complete their national
14 guard obligation shall pay the state for money received from the
15 state for tuition. Members who fail to repay the state within the
16 time limits established by the adjutant general shall be indebted
17 to the state. The department shall work in conjunction with the
18 department of treasury for inclusion in the tax intercept program
19 for amounts due the state.

20 (10) A portion of the funds for the Michigan national guard
21 education assistance program may be used by the department for the
22 purpose of promoting the program and for encouraging those persons
23 the department wishes to have enlist or reenlist in the Michigan
24 national guard.

1 Sec. 221. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
2 information technology, departments and agencies shall pay user
3 fees to the department of information technology for technology-
4 related services and projects. Such user fees shall be subject to
5 provisions of an interagency agreement between the departments and
6 agencies and the department of information technology.

7 Sec. 223. Amounts appropriated in part 1 for information
8 technology may be designated as work projects and carried forward
9 to support technology projects under the direction of the
10 department of information technology. Funds designated in this
11 manner are not available for expenditure until approved as work
12 projects under section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984
13 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a.

14 Sec. 225. (1) Due to the current budgetary problems in this
15 state, out-of-state travel for the fiscal year ending September 30,
16 2009 shall be limited to situations in which 1 or more of the
17 following conditions apply:

18 (a) The travel is required by legal mandate or court order or
19 for law enforcement purposes.

20 (b) The travel is necessary to protect the health or safety of
21 Michigan citizens or visitors or to assist other states in similar
22 circumstances.

23 (c) The travel is necessary to produce budgetary savings or to
24 increase state revenues, including protecting existing federal
25 funds or securing additional federal funds.

1 (d) The travel is necessary to comply with federal
2 requirements.

3 (e) The travel is necessary to secure specialized training for
4 staff that is not available within this state.

5 (f) The travel is financed entirely by federal or nonstate
6 funds.

7 (2) If out-of-state travel is necessary but does not meet 1 or
8 more of the conditions in subsection (1), the state budget director
9 may grant an exception to allow the travel. Any exceptions granted
10 by the state budget director shall be reported on a monthly basis
11 to the senate and house of representatives standing committees on
12 appropriations.

13 (3) Not later than January 1 of each year, each department
14 shall prepare a travel report listing all travel by classified and
15 unclassified employees outside this state in the immediately
16 preceding fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with
17 funds appropriated in the department's budget. The report shall be
18 submitted to the senate and house of representatives standing
19 committees on appropriations, the senate and house fiscal agencies,
20 and the state budget director. The report shall include the
21 following information:

22 (a) The name of each person receiving reimbursement for travel
23 outside this state or whose travel costs were paid by this state.

24 (b) The destination of each travel occurrence.

25 (c) The dates of each travel occurrence.

1 (d) A brief statement of the reason for each travel
2 occurrence.

3 (e) The transportation and related costs of each travel
4 occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general
5 fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state
6 restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues,
7 and the proportion funded with other revenues.

8 (f) A total of all out-of-state travel funded for the
9 immediately preceding fiscal year.

10 Sec. 228. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by a
11 principal executive department, state agency, or authority to hire
12 a person to provide legal services that are the responsibility of
13 the attorney general. This prohibition does not apply to legal
14 services for bonding activities and for those activities that the
15 attorney general authorizes.

16 Sec. 229. There is hereby created and established under the
17 jurisdiction and control of the department a revolving account to
18 be known as the regional training institute conference center
19 account. All of the fees and other revenues generated from the
20 operation of the regional training institute conference center
21 shall be deposited in the regional training institute conference
22 center account. Appropriations shall be made from the account for
23 the support of program operations and the maintenance and
24 operations of the regional training institute, the construction and
25 maintenance of morale, welfare, and recreation facilities on Fort

1 Custer or training areas within Michigan, and shall not exceed the
2 estimated revenues for the fiscal year in which they are made,
3 together with unexpended balances from prior years. The department
4 shall submit an annual report of operations and expenditures
5 regarding the regional training institute conference center account
6 to the senate and house of representatives standing committees on
7 appropriations, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state
8 budget director at the end of the fiscal year.

9 Sec. 230. The regional training institute conference center
10 shall be available but not limited to the following:

11 (a) Military personnel.

12 (b) Federal, state, and local government agencies.

13 (c) Educational institutions.

14 (d) Nonprofit corporations or associations organized pursuant
15 to the nonprofit corporation act, 1982 PA 162, MCL 450.2101 to
16 450.3192.

17 (e) Community service clubs.

18 (f) Groups of persons with disabilities.

19 (g) Members of the legislature for the purposes related to the
20 business of the legislature.

21 (h) Entities and organizations that wish to use the conference
22 center to host an event that has a military agenda.

23 Sec. 232. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
24 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 for
25 federal contingency funds. These funds are not available for

1 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
2 in this bill under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
3 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

4 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
5 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 for state
6 restricted contingency funds. These funds are not available for
7 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
8 in this bill under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
9 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

10 (3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
11 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for local
12 contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure
13 until they have been transferred to another line item in this bill
14 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,
15 MCL 18.1393.

16 (4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
17 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for private
18 contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure
19 until they have been transferred to another line item in this bill
20 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,
21 MCL 18.1393.

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23 **HEADQUARTERS AND ARMORIES**

24 Sec. 302. (1) The funds appropriated in this bill for private
25 donations to the challenge program shall be considered state

1 restricted revenue, and unexpended funds remaining at the close of
2 the fiscal year shall not lapse to the general fund but shall be
3 carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year.

4 (2) The department may charge a parent or guardian of a
5 participant in the challenge program a fee for participating in the
6 program if the participant is a member of a family with an income
7 that exceeds 200% of the federal poverty guidelines as published by
8 the United States department of health and human services. The
9 amount charged the parent or guardian shall not exceed the per-
10 student state share cost of administering the program. The parent
11 or guardian shall be notified of any charge to be assessed under
12 this subsection prior to enrollment of the child in the program.

13 (3) The department shall take steps to insure that at least
14 75% of the participants in the Challenge program are members of
15 families with incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty
16 level.

17 Sec. 304. The department shall partner with the department of
18 human services to identify youth who may be eligible for the
19 challenge program from those youth served by department of human
20 services programs. These eligible youth shall be given priority for
21 enrollment in the program.

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23 **VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

24 Sec. 501. (1) Money appropriated in part 1 for grants to
25 veterans service organizations shall be used only for salaries,

1 wages, related personnel costs, training, and equipment for
2 accredited veteran service advocacy officers and necessary support
3 and managerial staff. Training shall be provided for service
4 advocacy officers and shall be conducted by accredited advocacy
5 officers.

6 (2) To receive a grant from the money appropriated in part 1,
7 a veterans service organization shall meet the following
8 eligibility requirements:

9 (a) Be congressionally chartered by the United States
10 congress.

11 (b) Be an active participating member of the Michigan veterans
12 organizations' rehabilitation and veterans service committee and
13 abide by its rules, guidelines, and programs.

14 (c) Demonstrate the receipt of monetary or service support
15 from its own organization.

16 (d) Comply with the department's and the legislature's
17 requirements of accounting audits, service work activity,
18 accounting of recoveries, listing of volunteer hours, budget
19 requests, and other requirements specified in subsection (3).

20 (e) For a veterans service organization founded after
21 September 30, 1989, be in operation and providing service to
22 Michigan veterans for not less than 2 years before receiving an
23 initial state grant. During this 2-year period of time, the
24 organization shall file a listing of service work activity and an
25 accounting of recoveries with the department, the senate and house

1 fiscal agencies, the senate and house of representatives
2 appropriations subcommittees on military affairs, and the state
3 budget office on forms as prescribed by the department.

4 (3) A veterans service organization receiving a grant from the
5 money appropriated in part 1 shall file with the department an
6 accounting of its expenditures, audited and certified by a
7 certified public accountant, within 120 days after the
8 organization's fiscal year end. Each organization shall provide a
9 detailed budget request for the fiscal year ending September 30,
10 2010 to the department by November 15, 2008. Each veterans service
11 organization shall provide 5 copies of a listing of all service
12 activity, an accounting of recoveries, and a listing of volunteer
13 hours for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 to the
14 department by January 31, 2009. The listing of volunteer hours
15 shall include the hours, services, and donations provided to
16 residents of the Grand Rapids veterans' home and the D.J. Jacobetti
17 veterans' home. Each veterans service organization shall provide a
18 copy of the most recent and completed internal revenue service form
19 990 to the department at the end of the fiscal year ending
20 September 30, 2008. A veterans service organization receiving a
21 grant from the money appropriated in part 1 shall use the forms
22 recommended by the Michigan veterans organizations rehabilitation
23 and veterans service committee for filing reports required by this
24 bill. The department shall forward information required under this
25 section to the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and

1 house of representatives appropriations subcommittees on military
2 affairs, and the state budget office.

3 (4) The veterans service directors committee and the
4 department shall take steps to improve the coordination of veterans
5 benefits counseling in the state to maximize the effective and
6 efficient use of taxpayer dollars in this goal and to ensure that
7 every veteran is served.

8 (5) To accomplish the goal of subsection (4), the veterans
9 service directors committee and the department shall take steps to
10 increase their responsibility in the administration, management,
11 oversight, and outreach of the delivery of services to veterans.
12 The veterans service directors committee and the department shall
13 involve county veterans counselors and representatives from the
14 Michigan veterans trust fund to work in concert to identify,
15 implement, and evaluate steps to do all of the following:

16 (a) Increase the veterans service directors committee and the
17 department's role in working directly with the United States
18 department of veterans' affairs to enhance the delivery of services
19 to Michigan veterans.

20 (b) Increase the number of initial claims filed with the
21 United States department of veterans' affairs on behalf of veterans
22 for service-connected disability or pension benefits. The veterans
23 service directors committee and the department may work toward
24 either an absolute increase of approved claims or an increase in
25 the percentage of Michigan veterans with approved claims.

1 (c) Develop methods to increase rates of recovery paid by the
2 United States department of veterans' affairs to Michigan veterans
3 either by an increase in compensation paid per approved claim or
4 increase in compensation paid on a per capita basis.

5 (d) Expand training opportunities for veterans service
6 organization service officers.

7 (e) Increase either the number or percentage of Michigan
8 veterans enrolled in the VA health care system.

9 (f) Publicize the availability, benefit, and value of burial
10 in the Fort Custer and Great Lakes national cemeteries.

11 (g) Review each grant recipient's performance under the
12 program and require that performance be a major consideration in
13 the future funding of each grant recipient.

14 (h) Identify areas of redundancy which may exist among
15 services provided by veterans service organizations grantees,
16 Michigan veterans trust fund county committees, and county veterans
17 counselors and provide a proposal on how any redundancies may be
18 minimized and identify specific cost savings which could result.

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20 **VETERANS' HOMES**

21 Sec. 603. The money appropriated in this bill for the boards
22 of managers may be expended for facility improvements, the purchase
23 and repair of equipment and furnishings, member services, and other
24 purposes that benefit the Grand Rapids veterans' home and the D.J.
25 Jacobetti veterans' home.

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VETERANS' TRUST FUND

Sec. 703. By April 1, 2009, the department shall submit to the senate and house of representatives appropriations subcommittees on military affairs and the state budget office a detailed annual report of the Michigan veterans' trust fund for fiscal year 2007-2008. The report shall include information on grants provided from the emergency grant program, including details concerning the methodology of allocations, the selection of emergency grant program authorized agents, and a detailed breakdown of trust fund expenditures for that year. The report shall also provide an update on the department's efforts to reduce program administrative costs and restore the Michigan veterans' trust fund corpus to its original amount of \$50,000,000.00.